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1. Applicant's failure to respond to the Office letter, mailed 7/23/02.
2. Applicant's letter of express abandonment which is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.138.
3. Applicant's failure to timely file the response received _____ within the period set in the Office letter.
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